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House Resolution No. 3886

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have dedicated a considerable amount of time and energy to answering the patriotic call to national service through enlistment in the various components which make up the United States military; and

Whereas, Rear Admiral J. Stanton Thompson of Higginsville has attained considerable distinction as the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Lafayette County Executive Director who spends a portion of each month fulfilling his additional duties and responsibilities as Special Assistant for Reserve Matters to the Commander of the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) at North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) headquarters in Colorado; and

Whereas, on July 9, 2005, Admiral Stanton Thompson will draw his work as a Reservist to a close in well-deserved retirement after thirty-five years of service; and

Whereas, Admiral Stanton Thompson is responsible for the integration of Reserve forces in homeland defense and military support to civil authorities and serves as the principal advisor to the USNORTHCOM Commander for maritime homeland defense; and

Whereas, in addition to service in Vietnam, Admiral Stanton Thompson was called to active duty in 1990 in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm as the Commander of Port Security Harbor Defense Group Two at the Port of Al Jubail in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and

Whereas, Admiral Stanton Thompson also helped identify forces and provide assets to Operation Uphold Democracy and has been responsible for the seaward protection of vital logistic ports along the western seaboard of the United States and for coordinating joint and combined exercises within the Pacific Theater of operations; and

Whereas, assigned to USNORTHCOM in October 2002, Admiral Stanton Thompson is the beloved husband of Sandy, loving father of three children, and devoted grandfather of two:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Admiral Stanton Thompson and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon his retirement from the United States military reserves on July 9, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Rear Admiral J. Stanton Thompson of Higginsville, Missouri.

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| | Representative Mike McGhee |
| | District No. 122 |
| | on, Speaker of the House of Representatives, |

Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3886, adopted June 29, 2005.